

Public Use Dataset Technical Notes

Release of public use data sets is governed by [900 KAR 7:040](#). Please note that KRS 216.2927 and 900 KAR 7:040 also **prohibit the sale and further release of the data sets** or any part of them to any person who is not a member of the organization specified in the Agreement for Use of Kentucky Health Claims Data (linked below). This encompasses the prohibition of including the data in any system (online or otherwise) or product that allows individuals not employed by the organization, to run queries, request summaries or use the data directly in any other way.

OHP collects both inpatient hospital discharge and outpatient services data (which includes emergency department data). To make this data available to the public while protecting patient personal identifying information, OHP has created public use data sets. Data sets are available for inpatient hospital discharges and outpatient services for the years listed below.

Each year's public use data set includes all the data for the specified time period and, once created, it is not updated. Partial-year data sets are not created. Each data set includes a file layout and translation table to assist in data analysis. Below you will find those file layouts available to download as well as the number of cases for each yearly data set.

Discharge Year	Inpatient Cases	Outpatient Cases
2000	537,433	504,744
2001	600,469	616,119
2002	622,498	678,152
2003	632,041	702,649
2004	636,199	727,252
2005	644,316	782,493
2006	651,035	804,759
2007	640,215	769,952
2008	650,127	3,636,558*
2009	654,663	3,629,240
2010	638,292	3,651,692
2011	634,750	3,740,745
2012	623,548**	3,870,216**
2013	594,723	4,436,227
2014	588,427	4,873,300
2015	600,662	8,943,678***
2016	600,851	9,414,249
2017	603,131	9,855,349
2018	597,979	10,044,840

* The Office of Health Policy started collecting emergency department and non-hospital outpatient (specified CPT codes in addition to ambulatory surgery or mammogram) data Jan. 1, 2008.

** March 20, 2014: A significant amount of corrected and missing data was submitted to the Office of Health Policy in March 2014 for 2012 inpatient and outpatient records. A new public use data set was created for each of these data sets.

*** Jan. 1, 2015: The Office of Health Policy started collecting all discharge records from all facilities required to report. This includes instances like outpatient lab work that previously did not qualify as a reporting required discharge.